

The Family That Squeezes Together

Summarize this story in one sentence.



1. What instrument did Joyce, her father and her siblings all play?
2. How did Joyce's father make his living?
3. Did the children get a choice about playing this instrument?
4. What kind of music did they play?
5. How many siblings does Joyce have?
6. Who was the best player among the siblings?
7. When did Joyce's father open a studio?

8. What made it a good location?

9. Where did the students from the studio play?

10. Was Joyce a good player?

11. What was her father's advice to her?

12. Do you think Joyce still plays? Why or why not?

Conversation and Writing Questions

- 1. Did you study music as a child? As an adult?***
- 2. Should parents insist that their children learn to play an instrument?***
- 3. What kinds of things did you do all together with your family when you were growing up?***
- 4. Describe a memorable time you have had playing or listening to music.***